

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 794

By Curtiss

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Terri Whited upon receiving the Whatever It Takes and Then Some Award for the Eastern division of Life Care Centers of America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mrs. Terri Whited, who has received the Whatever It Takes and Then Some Award for the Eastern division of Life Care Centers of America; and

WHEREAS, Terri Whited won the Annual Whatever It Takes for the Life Care Center of Sparta for 2007, qualifying her for the divisional award; and

WHEREAS, although her official title at the Life Care Center (LCC) of Sparta is Assisted Living Coordinator, Terri's services at the facility go above and beyond any and all duties that title entails; and

WHEREAS, an associate at the LCC since before the facility opened, Mrs. Whited's peerless leadership and dedication have been the driving forces of the success of the Assisted Living Facility; and

WHEREAS, Terri is the epitome of client service as she makes sure every need of the residents is met by transporting them to doctor visits and other appointments, giving residents' families her cell phone number so they can reach her anytime, and helping residents move and settle in their apartments in the facility, in addition to overseeing their admittance and hiring and scheduling the facility's staff; and

WHEREAS, always eager and willing to lend a helping hand, Terri "adopts" the residents of the LCC into her own family, taking them to church, to basketball games, and other Whited

family functions, so that the residents feel as if they have family nearby, even though the residents' own families are often far away; and

WHEREAS, the specific act of kindness for which Mrs. Whited was nominated occurred the morning Terri and a colleague were preparing for an all day health fair when a resident's transportation to a crucial doctor's appointment failed to pick her up; without hesitation, Terri eschewed her plans to transport the resident to her doctor appointment and later carried the resident back from the appointment; and

WHEREAS, this type of dedication is seen daily through her work at LCC and is the quintessence of Terri's generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2008, a reception was held in Terri Whited's honor at the Life Care Center of Sparta, where she was presented with a \$1000 cash award along with the Whatever It Takes and Then Some Award; and

WHEREAS, Terri Whited epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Terri is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her family, who often give of their own time and efforts to help at the LCC; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Terri Whited for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Terry Whited for receiving the Whatever It Takes and Then Some Award for the Eastern division of Life Care Centers of America and for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and its elderly citizens and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.